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In re Application of:

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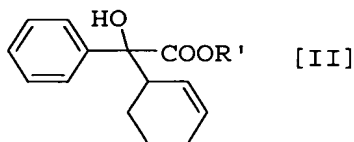
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For: PRODUCTION METHOD OF 2-CYCLOHEXYL-2-HYDROXY-2-PHENYLACETIC ACID  
INTERMEDIATE THEREFOR AND PRODUCTION  
METHOD THEREOF

PENDING CLAIMS AFTER ENTRY OF PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

1. A compound of the formula [II]



wherein R' is linear or branched chain alkyl having 1 to 15 carbon atom(s), which is optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, norbornyl, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl and ( $\alpha$ -(2-cyclohexen-1-yl)- $\alpha$ -hydroxy-benzyl)carbonyloxy, or cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl or norbornyl, which is optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of linear or branched chain alkyl having 1 to 15 carbon atom(s) and phenyl, or an optically active form thereof.

2. The compound of claim 1, wherein R' is linear or branched chain alkyl having 1 to 15 carbon atom(s), which is optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl and norbornyl, or cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl or norbornyl, which is optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of linear or branched chain alkyl having 1 to 15 carbon atom(s) and phenyl, or an optically active form thereof.